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2. Possible Missile Launching Sites  
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report on the ports of Swinoujscie, Szczecin, and Gdynia.

The report contains information on ship sightings, coastal defenses, restricted zones and military installations; control of a portion of the Hel Peninsula by the Soviets; an installation on Hel Peninsula believed to be a missile launching base; the firing of a missile at a point apparently near Baltiysk called Pilowa in report; and the coastal waters area outside of the Mierzeja Wislana (called Wisla Spit in report) which is restricted to naval craft that hold exercises there - Zone A for Polish craft and Zone B for Soviet submarines (see diagram No. 1).

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maneuvering. At the time of observation, they were proceeding in column ahead. When the flotilla leader made a turn, the other ships proceeded to the same point and then made their turn, consistently following the first vessel in column ahead.

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Observations during the succeeding days indicated that the submarines put out to sea at dawn every day and returned in the evening, mooring in Basin No 10 of the Naval Port.

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these submarines probably belong to the M-11 class. It is possible, however, that the submarines do not correspond exactly to this class, although it should be borne in mind that [ships] of this class have certain definite characteristics, namely the dimensions, the prow armament, and the radio-antenna.

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On the same occasion four cruisers and seven destroyers in the small port of HEL, moored alongside each other with their bows toward the pier.

A large vessel which might be a heavy cruiser or a battleship was moored alongside the south breakwater.

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the large vessel had been transferred to HEL port in the preceding year for outfitting and that it came from the shipyards of LENINGRAD, where it had been launched

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A variety of equipment, including artillery pieces, dismantled conning towers, etc., was piled up on the quay of the outer breakwater of HEL Port.

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B. Port of SWINOUJSCIE

1. Naval units in the port

a. To the left on entering the port of SWINOUJSCIE and beyond the lighthouse, which had a lookout post on it, seven MTBs were anchored in the small harbor; they had the following characteristics:

- 1) steel hull, about 25 meters long, with transom stern;
- 2) a small rapid-firing AA gun on the bow;
- 3) two twin machineguns, aft of the wheel house, on the keel line;
- 4) two mine rails, one on each side, with depth charges;
- 5) streamlined wheel house sloping toward the stern;
- 6) a small radar, Decca type, on the navigating bridge.

[see diagram]

b. Five ships [redacted] defined as MTBs, but which are 25X1  
believed to have been mine sweepers [redacted]

c. Three ships [redacted] were  
probably Riga class escort vessels [redacted]  
[redacted] were moored along the channel. [redacted]

d. On the right side of the channel, as one proceeds southward, and about one mile from the entrance, seven naval tugs were moored. They were armed with a small gun and a machine gun and had a high bow with a forward screw, like an icebreaker.

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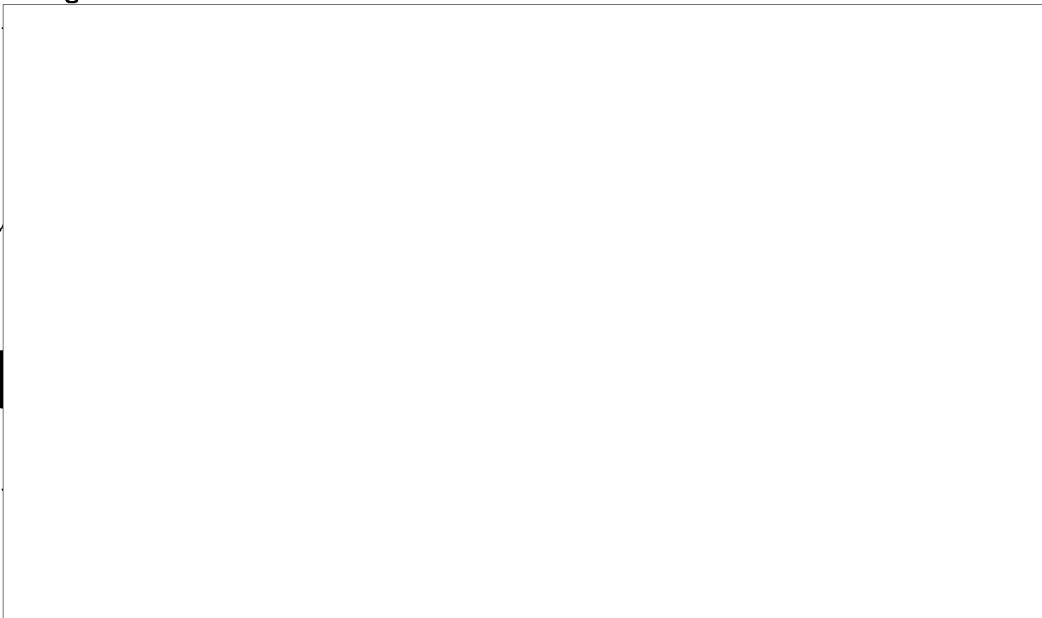
e. On the same side of the channel, in the basin located about 1 and one-half miles from the entrance, there were four vessels undergoing repairs: three old two-funnel torpedo boats and one coastal submarine, probably of the M-11 class.

Five landing craft [redacted] were very much like the former German MFP boats, were moored in the same basin [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] About 500 meters further upstream were three vessels which Source defined as torpedo boats [redacted] and four MTBs armed with two torpedoes and two machine guns [redacted]

f. About one mile upstream from the basin, on the right side of the channel, two submarine chasers were moored [redacted] [redacted] 25X1

g. Two floating drydocks were observed in the port; work was being done on submarines in them.



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C. Port of GDYNIA [REDACTED]

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1. Naval units in the port. The following vessels were moored in the basin of PORTOWY Channel:

a. a repair ship [REDACTED]

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b. two vessels [REDACTED]

defined

as destroyers;

c. two vessels [REDACTED]

defined as

corvettes;

d. Five submarine chasers [REDACTED]

A heavy cruiser [REDACTED]

flying the

Soviet flag entered the port [REDACTED]

and moored at Dock No 4 or 5.

The submarines previously encountered in the Gulf of GDYNIA moored

at Naval Dock No 10. [REDACTED]

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## a. HEL Peninsula:

The object of one of the first of these trips was the fishing village of JASTARNIA (see Attachments Nos 1 and 2). <sup>(The diagram)</sup> [REDACTED]

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Several boats with military personnel on board signalled [ ] to keep away from the coast and not to proceed in a southeasterly direction.

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[ ] the entire peninsula, from JASTARNIA to HEL Point, was completely occupied and controlled by the Soviets, who carried out constant coastal patrols in rowboats and in two large motor patrol boats which patrol the waters near the coast, and also further off the coast, night and day.

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A striking feature of the countryside on HEL Peninsula was the total lack of dwellings. Those which had been there had been razed; ~~because~~ traces of them were still visible on the ground. The entire coastal area of the Peninsula as far as JASTARNIA was closely watched by sentinels in sentry boxes, and during the night the beach and the waters off the coast were swept at irregular intervals by various searchlights located along the coast.

The beach along this entire coastal area is also fenced off with barbed wire; the fences run parallel to and some distance from the shore.

The Soviets also control the narrow-gauge railroad and the road which runs from JASTARNIA to HEL.

On the next trip, again by sea from GDYNIA, he took a motor launch which brings the bathers to the peninsula during the summer period. [ ]

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[ ] north of HEL Port in the vicinity of the Chapel of Saint Anthony, which was now used as a barracks by the Russian soldiers [ ]

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[ ] it was impossible to see the inner port of HEL, either coming from GDYNIA [ ] The inner port was bounded to the west by an outer breakwater, surmounted by a high wall serving as a windbreak.

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Near the Chapel is a road ending in the sea and forming a slipway, protected on the sides by rubber fenders. [ ] some large lighters come here from which goods were transhipped to trucks. [ ]

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some amphibious vehicles which landed and then moved inland in a column with the trucks.

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[redacted] the same road, which was also accessible to civilians [redacted] runs through the entire peninsula, from HEL to JASTER<sup>A</sup>NIA. For a long stretch, it runs parallel to the narrow-gauge railroad and to the left of it. The roadway, however, lies considerably higher than the railroad.

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[redacted] aside from light military motor traffic in both directions.

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b. The road (see Sketch No 1 in attachments):

The road runs on top of an embankment whose elevation above the surrounding terrain varies with the undulating terrain. In some places, the embankment reaches an elevation of 8 to 9 meters. The railroad runs at ground level and it therefore is lower.

The pavement is more than 8 meters wide, with foot paths on both sides, and is level (not cambered). The roadway is an amalgam of finely crushed rock and a whitish binding material which appeared [redacted] to be neither asphalt nor cement. Presumably, the road rests on a solid foundation.

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The pedestrians cannot cross the road. Underpasses are located at intervals of about 300-400 meters and are reached by concrete steps descending from the bank. The road can be crossed only by these underpasses, or rather tunnels, which turn upward at a sharp angle. They are not over one meter wide and only a little over 2 meters high.

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For each underpass, there is a sentry box in which a sentry regulates the crossings by means of green and red lights. [redacted]

[redacted] on the two banks, there were large steel plates, one opposite the other and located at regular intervals. These steel plates were held down by transverse bars fastened by heavy steel bolts.

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Along the base of the embankment, there are steel girders driven vertically into the ground. There are wire fences on both sides of the road, some distance from the base of the embankment, and concrete dogtooth and pyramid antitank obstructions were observed in some stretches of the fields flanking the road.

The road is bordered by tall trees and is guarded by military police on motorcycles who patrol it continuously, as well as by pairs of armed sentries stationed in two-level sentry towers. The upper level is shaped like a circular dovecote and has a small balcony. This level reaches the height of the trees and affords a good view of the road. The lower level is even with the surrounding terrain and permits a view of the underbrush and of the slopes of the embankment. The sentry posts are located on both sides of the embankment; they are about 100 meters from each other and on alternate sides of the road.

[ ] the road for a distance [ ] a large part of the truck traffic turned off to the right at a point about 1.5 kilometers from the Chapel of Saint Anthony. [ ] at that point, on the summit of a small hill, there was a fork. A second road, completely like the first, branched off from the main road in a rather wide curve to the southeast.

[ ] in the vicinity of this fork. [ ] the zone between the grass and trees for a short distance and came to a triple fence [ ] (see Sketch No 2 in Attachments).

The first and outermost fence consisted of wood posts painted red and single crossed wires and one horizontal strand; the second, of horizontal strands of barbed wire strung on similar posts; and the third, of horizontal strands of wire strung on white enameled steel posts resting on insulators supported by concrete blocks fixed in the ground.

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The posts were about 5 meters apart and about 8 or 9 feet high.

The distance between fences was about 4 or 5 meters. [redacted]

[redacted] the first fence and [redacted] near the second [redacted]

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[redacted] the third carried an electric charge.

Beyond the third fence, the terrain dropped off rapidly. [redacted]

[redacted] from that dominating point [redacted] and in front of

[redacted] an extensive level area paved like the road and located in a hollow,

completely surrounded by hillocks. [redacted]

this was a missile launching base (see Sketch No 3).

The following is a brief description of the installation. The level area was approximately a trapezoid [redacted]

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There were four pits, shaped like an inverted cone, aligned in a southerly direction and about 100 meters apart. The first and largest pit was nearest

[redacted] and held a cylindrical missile erected vertically. The second

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pit was smaller and covered with a tarpaulin. The other two were still smaller and were probably being completed.

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On [redacted] left, toward the east, there were five narrow and very long barracks with their backs almost against a slope. The barracks had shed roofs and were half concealed by the branches of the trees. Near the barracks were radio antennas. Toward the west, there were an undetermined number of gas cylinders set up vertically.

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Facing [redacted] a hill about one kilometer away, there was a large group of houses with a search radar station and various antennas nearby. [redacted] an undetermined number of radar installations and radio antennas near the area).

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The pit nearest [ ] the one containing the missile, had the shape of an inverted cone, with the base opening on the level area. There were concrete steps in the concrete wall of the cone, leading down from the level area. At the top, was a sentry box with an armed sentry who checked the persons descending into the pit and coming out of it. These persons had to show some kind of pass. 25X1

On the level area, around the pit, there was a small protective chain strung on posts. Inside, toward the vertex of the cone, there were steel doors. Still further down, the cone was truncated by a kind of polygonal ring (eight or more sides) in which steel ports were observed. From the ring protruded a weapon, thought to be a missile, held in vertical position. It had a slight metallic glow (greased steel, like torpedoes) and terminated in a conical ogive. Close to the ogive there was a horizontal green band 25X1

[ ]

There was a spiral staircase around the missile and two men were working on it. The first and lowest received something resembling a cable from another, who handed it to him from a port of the polygonal crown; then the first passed it on to the person above him, who was working while sticking his head into an open port in the body of the missile. 25X1

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[REDACTED]

The second pit was smaller than the first and was covered with a tarpaulin, fastened on the posts of the protective railing encircling the pit. There must have been something inside because it had the appearance of a very flattened cone, not greater than 1.5 meters, above the surface of the level area.

The other two pits were still smaller and must have been in the stage of completion, because persons were seen working on them. 25X1

To [REDACTED] left, there were four or five barracks about 500 meters from the pits with their backs against a slope; trees growing on the slope concealed the barracks from above. The barracks followed the undulations of the terrain and were arranged in the form of an arc, so that the farthest ones were difficult to make out. 25X1

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] they were narrow and very long, with shed roofs sloping toward the level area and composed of a light gray material resembling Eternite, and that the walls were made of an unidentified material painted dark green. 25X1

[REDACTED]

Radio antennas with guy wires were observed in the vicinity of the barracks.

On the side opposite the barracks and several hundred meters from the pits [REDACTED] an undetermined number of cylindrical tanks (see Sketch No 5) arranged vertically, about 3 meters high, and painted aluminum. 25X1

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A pipe projected from the lower part of each tank and was connected to a collector resting on the level area parallel to and some distance from the pits. To this collector were also connected other pipes which ran into the pits.

On the level area and in the proximity of the pit covered with a tarpaulin, [ ] the end of a missile resting on a saddle equipped with wheels. [ ] the body was largely cylindrical and slightly tapered toward the tail, with exhaust gas opening, four fins spaced perpendicularly [ ] (see Sketch No 5)

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[ ] toward the southeastern end of the level area, there was a group of houses on an elevation over 1,000 meters away. Near this zone, on the right, [ ] saw a very high trellis antenna. At the top of this antenna, there was a shining circular beam revolving horizontally around the axis of the antenna.

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In the same area, there were reportedly radar installations, a few of which [ ] described as being for medium and long range detection, as well as one for altitude detection. [ ] there were numerous radar and radio antennas in the area and that all around there were guard posts which in the distance resembled railroad water tanks.

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On the field, [ ] men going about in military uniforms and others in civilian dress; [ ] no private or military vehicles.

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On the narrow gauge steam railroad from JASTARNIA to HEL, [ ] only freight trains; the cars of these trains, however, were very small.

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in GDYNIA harbor, [ ] a continuous and increasing roar. A few instants later [ ] a missile rose vertically at a point [ ] estimated to be in the direction of PILOWA. [ ] unable to make out the body of the missile clearly [ ] a long tail of fire and a thick trail of white smoke. At first, the missile rose rather slowly and during this phase its trajectory was slightly parabolic. Shortly, however, it resumed its vertical rise and from that moment on the roar changed to a kind of whistling, the tail of fire turned violet, and the missile gradually increased its velocity. In 2 or 3 minutes, it disappeared completely from view, still going in a vertical direction.

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3. Coastal defense.

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[ ] arrived at (BOBBERNAU) ~~unidentified~~

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(see Diagram No 1) in a tourist bus, which is the usual transportation service from and to GDYNIA [ ]

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[ ] waters were restricted to naval craft which exercise there. This area is Zone A for Polish craft, and Zone B for Russian submarines (see Diagram No 1).

The two zones, marked [ ] on the attached sketch, were drawn on the basis of the position of a number of buoys and markers indicating the limits of the zones.

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When the Russian submarines are on maneuvers, red flags are placed on the markers along the line of demarcation between the two zones.

[redacted] 14 of these flags.

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[redacted] trip to <sup>R</sup>POBBERNAU, [redacted]

[redacted] Warned [redacted] that those waters were also restricted to naval craft [redacted]

[redacted] near the beach,

both north and south of the port of PILOWA, there were heavy caliber naval artillery emplacements ([redacted] Sketch No 1). [redacted] five emplacements, three north and two south of the port, [redacted]

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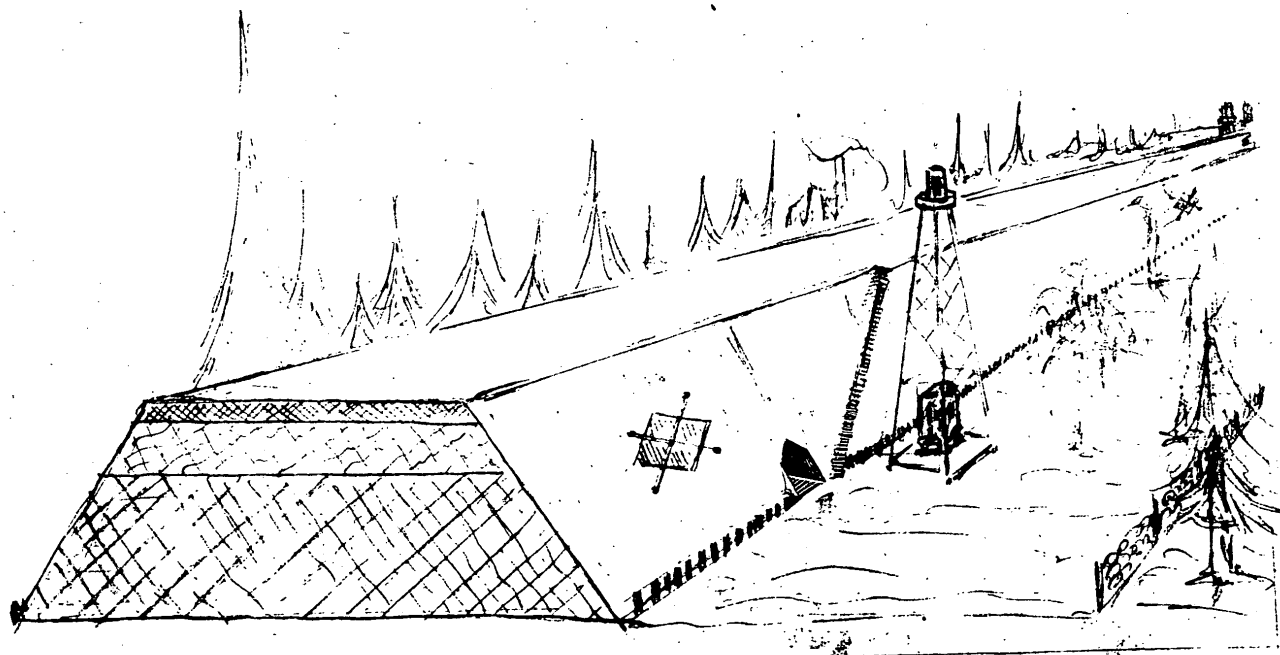
[each of] these was made up of a gun platform in front of a cave sheltering the gun, the barrel of which was visible.

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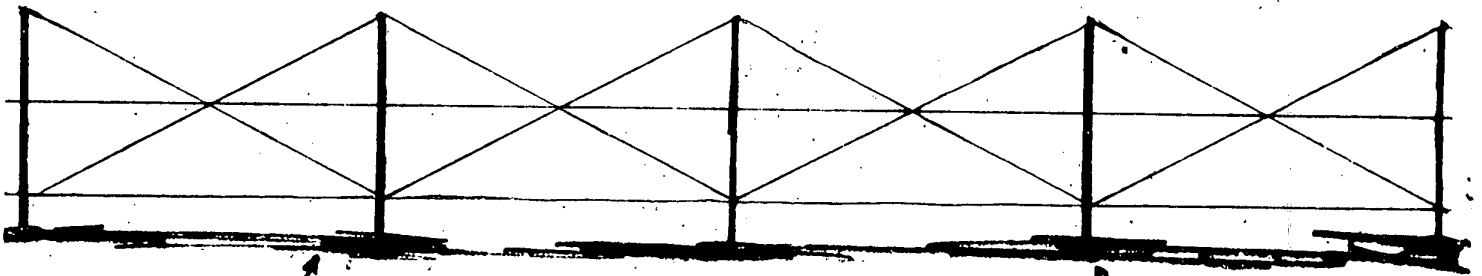
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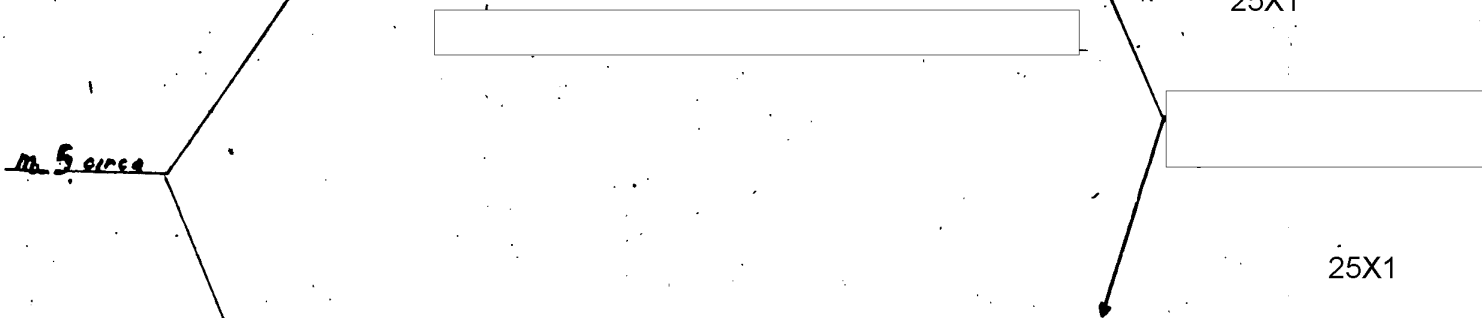
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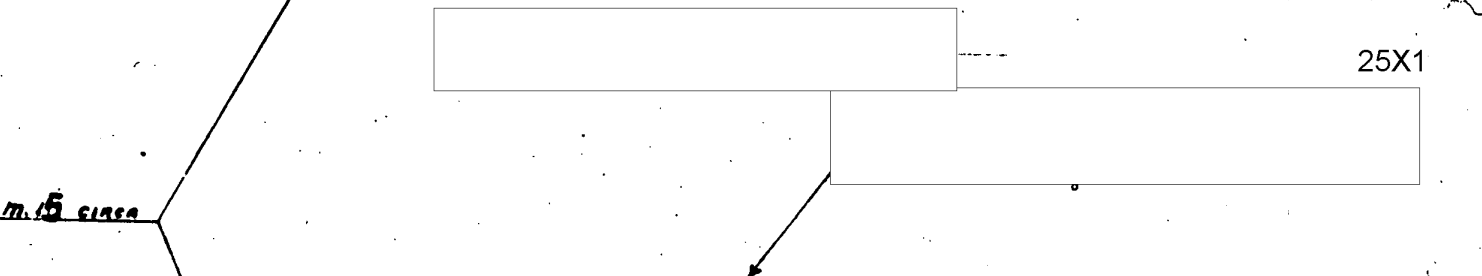


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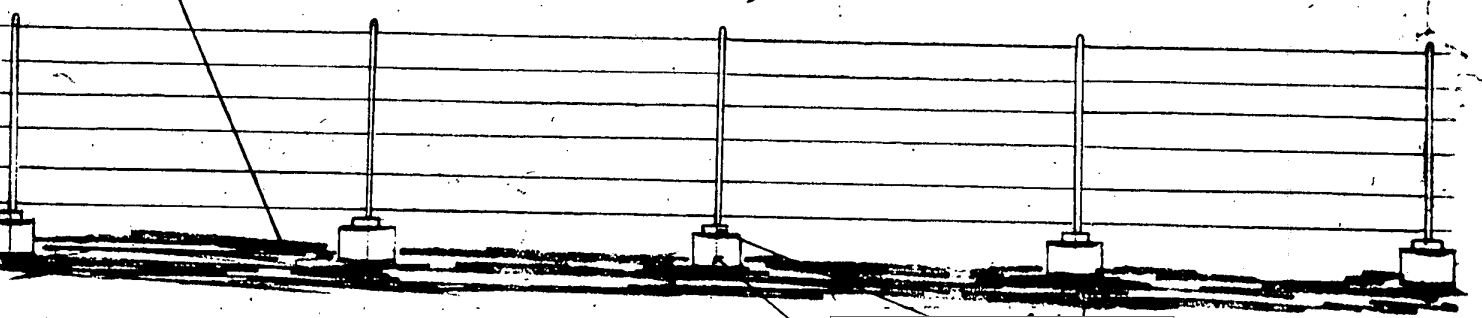


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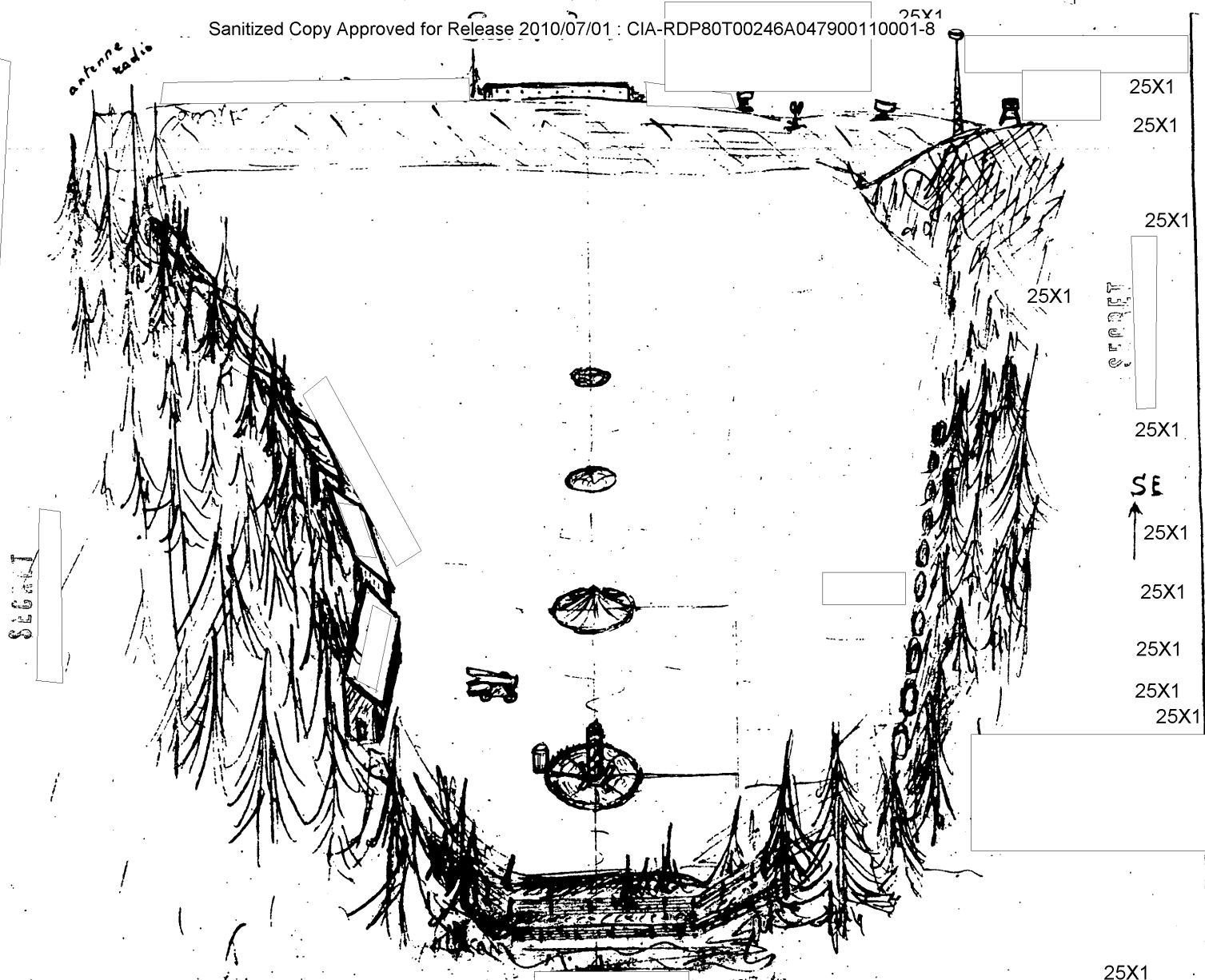
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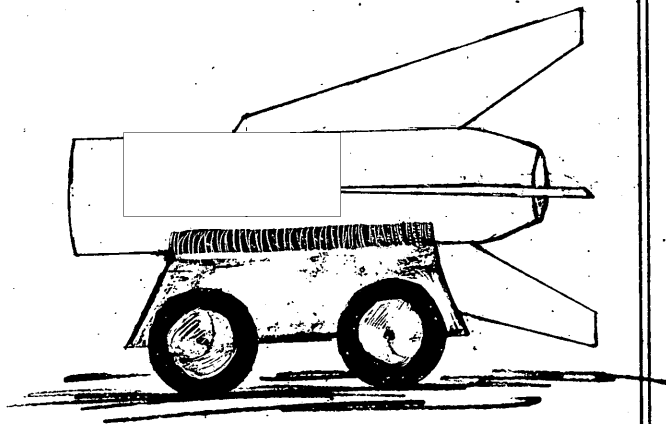
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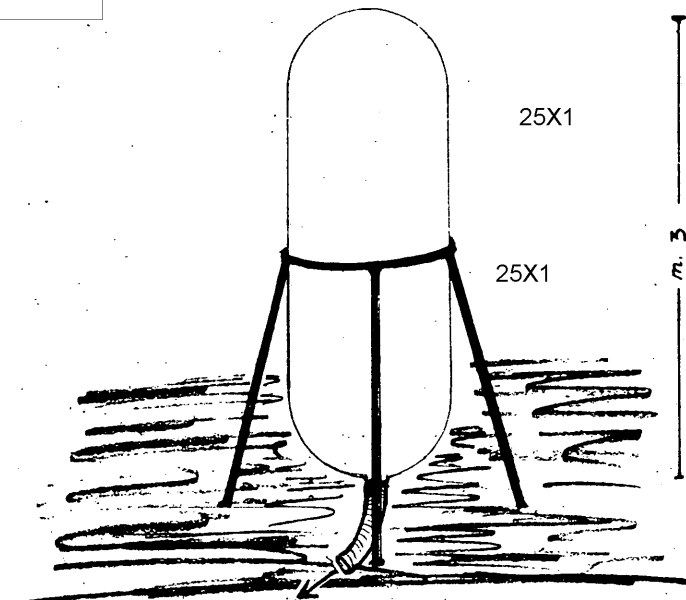


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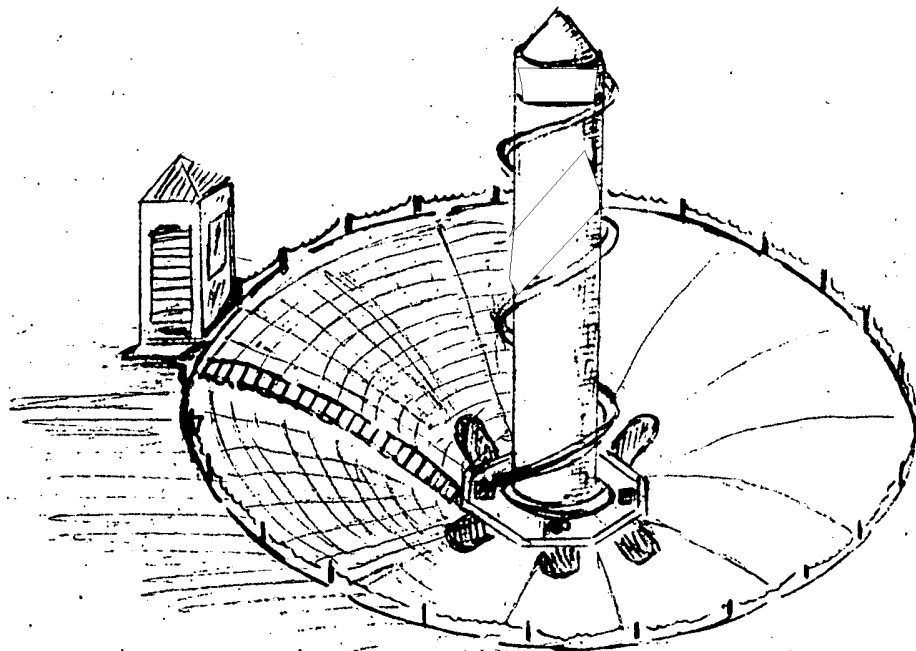
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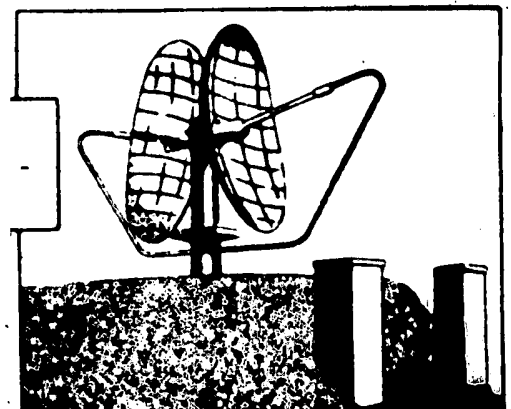
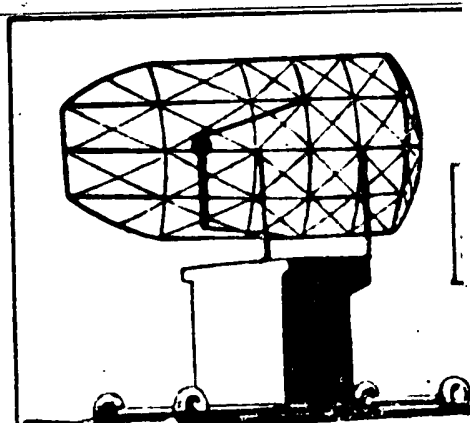
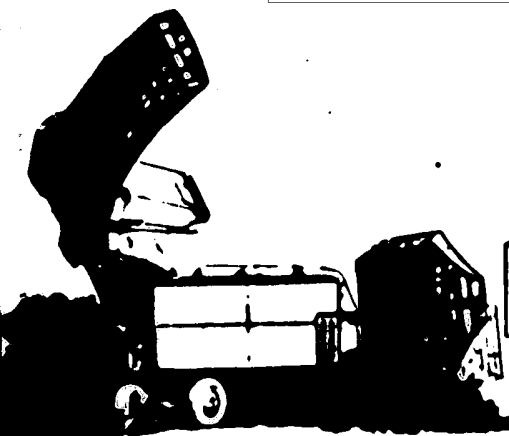
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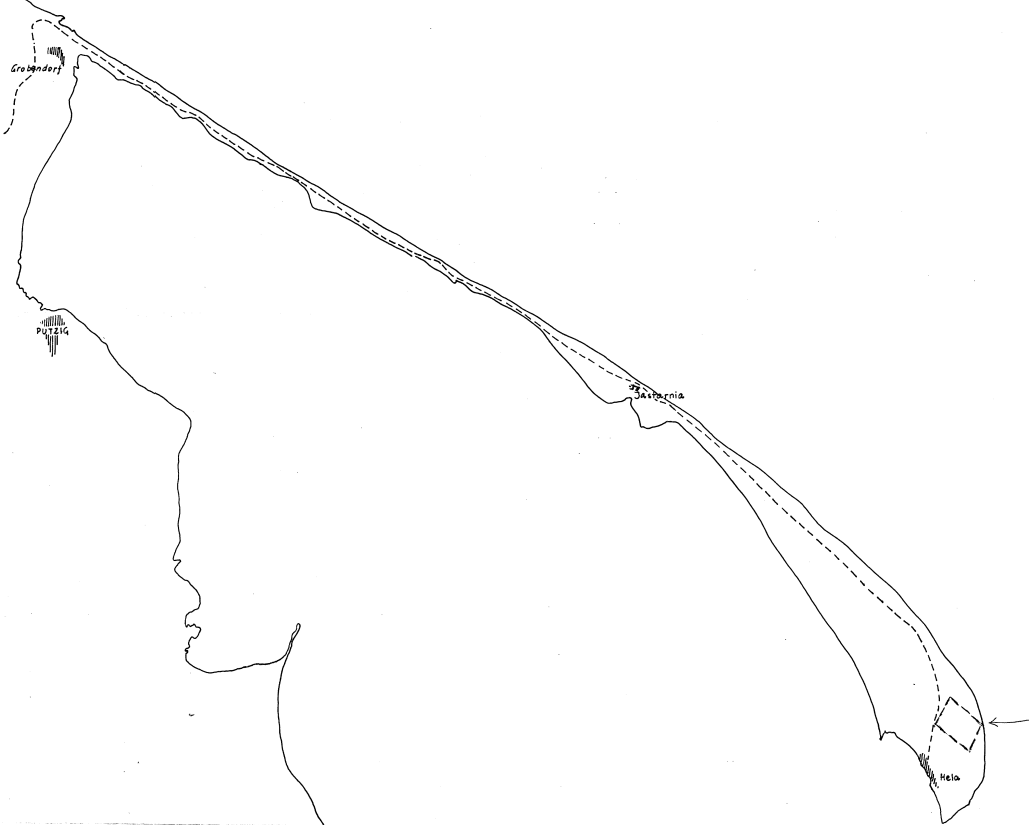
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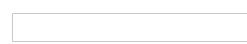
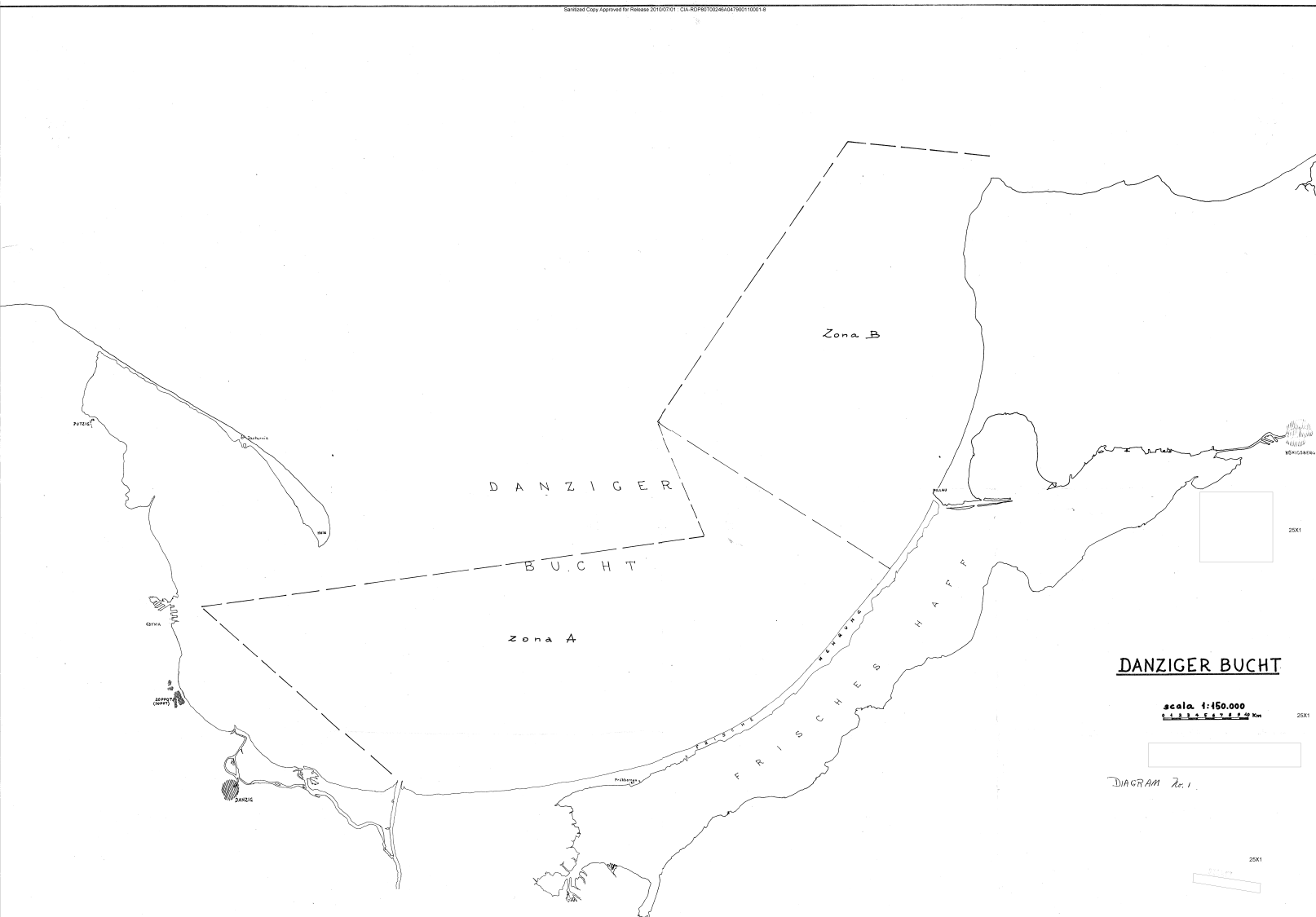


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SWINOUJSCIE and SZCZECIN

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A. Information and Observations Relative to Navigation

1. Safe routes. Ships entering the port of SWINOUJSCIE follow the routes indicated in the sailing directions. It is possible, however, to follow the routes leading directly to the pilot's buoy. At his buoy, the pilot comes on board, unaccompanied. Near this buoy, there is a big suction dredge in operation. The two steamers sunk outside of SWINOUJSCIE are being demolished.

2. Naval units encountered and observed. At the entry to the Gulf of GDYNIA, past HEL Point, four Polish submarines were seen in zone A of attached Diagram No 1. The four submarines came from the east and were

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